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## Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Mr. Mehdi Sheikerz (Applicants' Representative)

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Date of Interview Oct 16, 2001Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: 11-23

Identification of prior art discussed:

Hasebe et al.Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

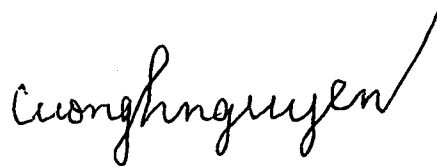
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The discussion is around an interpretation of "compound document", the applicants will elaborate further about this term to distinguish with fundamental ideas in prior art. 35 USC 112, 6 para. is discuss for supporting factors in the specification of claimed word "means for". Currently, case laws to apply for this rejection may be superseded with a later case-law. Applicants will submit a rationale (case law) why functional language must be considered in "system" claims. 35 USC 112, 1st para. is "conditionally" withdrawn to claims 20, 22, 23.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached



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